THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 8868 of 2007

Dated 26th April 2007

Between:

Matta Satya Rao & others

... Petitioners

and

The Sub-Registrar, Gopala Patnam,
Visakhapatnam.

... Respondent

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O R D E R:

Petitioners state that they are the absolute owners and possessors of land admeasuring Acs.9.99 cents in Survey No.275/1C of Adivivaram village, Visakhapatnam Rural, Visakhapatnam District. It is stated that they intended to sell Acs.0.36 cents of land and approached the respondent, along with the intending purchaser, for registration of the same in his favour. The grievance of the petitioners is that the respondent is not accepting the document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short "the Act"), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondent, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned

Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications, almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan* v. *Basanth Nahata***[1].

Once the sole basis for the respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondent, to receive and process the document presented by the petitioners and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one (1) week, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

26th April 2007

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77